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SUBJECT: POLISH MEDIA REACTION TO SPANISH EXECUTIONS

1. POLISH REACTION TO THE RECENT EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN HAS SO FAR BEEN AMBIGUOUS AND AS LOW-KEY AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH POLISH OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN A COMMON EASTERN EUROPEAN FRONT ON THE "INHUMANITY" OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

2. PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION COVERAGE THUS FAR HAS GIVEN FULL COVERAGE TO DOMESTIC PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS, AS WELL AS THOSE ABROAD. THE GOVERNMENT AND TOP PARTY LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN QUIET.

3. IN AN OCTOBER 1 COMMENTARY, THE POLISH NEWS AGENCY'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT OBSERVED THAT, "FRANCOISM, INCAPABLE OF ANY KIND OF EVOLUTION OR PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT..., HAS GIVEN WAY TO THE METHODS FROM THAT DISMAL PERIOD WHICH DIVIDED SPAIN BETWEEN CONQUERORS AND CONQUERED".

4. THE FIRST CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMENT APPEARED ON
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OCTOBER 2 IN AN UNSIGNED TRYBUNA LUDU EDITORIAL WHICH,

AFTER RHETORIC ON THE UNCHAGEABLE NATURE OF THE FRANCO REGIME, PREDICTED THAT THE "TERROR WILL NOT BREAK THE WIDE DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FRONT IN SPAIN, BUT WILL UNITE AND STRENGTHEN IT. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH A DEMAND FOR "CESSATION OF THE BRUTAL TERROR" AND EXPRESSES POLAND'S "DEEP SOLIDARITY WITH THE SPANISH PEOPLE".

5. COMMENT: WESTERN PRESS REPORTS THAT POLAND, TOO, HAS WITHDRAWN HER AMBASSADOR FROM MADRID ARE INACCURATE, SINCE THE POLES HAVE NO EMBASSY THERE. WE HAVE HEARD THAT POLAND HAS, HOWEVER, WITHDRAWN THE LOW-LEVEL PERSONNEL OF HER TRADE MISSION.

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